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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

I hope everyone has been enjoying this boating season. Since the weather this summer has been better than last year's, Cindy and I have sailed much more frequently.

On Saturday July 10th we had the MBC annual "Dinghy Cruise/ Milwaukee River Pub Crawl." We had a good turnout with ten dinghies and one pontoon boat participating.

The weather was perfect, and we were happy to have many more members join us for dinner at Botanas Mexican restaurant. Dave Dorner did another great job organizing this event. Thanks, Dave.

On Sunday August 15th we will have our "Gunk Hole" event. We usually have it at our MBC mooring (south of SSYC), but we have "lost" the anchor location. Todd Weiler has agreed to captain the event. Please call him if you have any questions at 414-688-6401.

Saturday, August 28th, and Sunday, August 29th, MBC will have our "MBC/SSYC Joint Cruise to Racine." We will be staying at the Reefpoint Marina on Saturday night. In past years this has been a popular and fun event. Many of us get together for lunch on Saturday, and all of us get together for dinner that night. For more information, please contact Dick Grabowski and Dick Harvey.

Coming up on September 11th is the annual "MBC Picnic" to be held at the Merryfields' home in Delafield. Don't forget to put the date on your calendar.

Grey Halstead



BIRTHDAYS

Wish the following members a happy birthday!

AUGUST

- 2 Robert Garnier
- 7 Mary Ann Goetzman
- 8 Kathy Martin
- 15 Craig Hesper
- 20 Kathy Werner
- 23 Bruce Nason
- 29 Dick Harvey

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Rita Tiemann
- 3 Kathy Schnagl
- 3 Ellen Baugher
- 10 Juanita "Nita" Swartwout
- 21 George Finch
- 22 Cindy Halstead
- 24 Gloria Mitchelson
- 26 Peggy Miotke
- 29 Nancy Grabowski
- 30 Barbara Newby

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| August 15 | Gunk Hole at MBC Mooring
Captain Todd Weiler |
| August 21 | SSYC Annual Corn Roast
Public Invited |
| August 28, 29 | Joint MBC/SSYC Cruise to Racine
Captains Dick Grabowski and Dick Harvey |
| September 11 | MBC's Annual Picnic
at Pete and Bonnie Merryfield's Home
Captain Daryl Grubbs |
| September 13 | Captains' (First Mates') Breakfast |
| September 18 | "Oktoberfest"
Bavarian Inn
Captain Leo Wagner |

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MBC GUNKHOLE

AUGUST 15, 2010 1:00 PM

Just what is a MBC Gunkhole? It is a get-together of our members via boat, dinghy or whatever at the club mooring. Unfortunately last year the ice took out the mooring spar and it is lost, so we will meet at the beach just north of Texas Rock, about a half mile south of South Shore Yacht Club.

Bring food, drink and whatever entertainment you may find. Enjoy an afternoon on the lake. It's a great opportunity to don your swimsuits or wetsuits and get overboard and check the underside of your boat. We will raft off each other and make a party. RSVPs are not necessary, but if you want to confirm, call Todd Weiler at 414-688-6401

Look for the "Catequil" Catamaran.

Introducing...Tom Hickinbotham and Jane Evans Krenz



It was a beautiful setting for a Milwaukee Boat Club initiation when Tom Hickinbotham and his wife Jane Evans Krenz were brought into the club on the deck of the "Riptide" restaurant during our annual "Dinghy Cruise" on the Milwaukee River.

Tom grew up in Appleton and attended UW-Whitewater where he received his degree in business. After being recruited by the Ernst & Young accounting firm, Tom earned his accounting degree from UW-Milwaukee. Tom was then drafted into the Army and served in Vietnam. (Thank you, Tom, from all of us for your service.) Upon returning home, he and a partner purchased an apple orchard in Mauthe Lake, and Tom still owns most of the land.

Tom has started several businesses of his own and retired from his last company, Rent Incorporated, three years ago.

Jane grew up in Milwaukee, attended UW-Milwaukee, and ran her own furniture business until she retired ten years ago. Jane and her late husband also raised horses at their home outside of Mukwonago.

Tom and Jane met while skiing in Switzerland and have been married two-and-a-half years. They share their home in Mukwonago with their two ten-year-old Persian cats, Vinny and Vito.

Tom has three children. Son Brian is an electrician who lives in Oshkosh and is the father of Tom's granddaughter and grandson; Son Tommy is an accountant who lives in Milwaukee, and daughter Joy lives in Vancouver and is an artist specializing in scenery for video games.

A love of boating began when Tom was in high school and drove a utility racing (motor) boat. In the 1980s, he lived on Milwaukee's lakefront and became involved with the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center. After taking lessons through MCSC and the Power Squadron, Tom became a sailor. Tom later introduced Jane to boating, and they have had "Eloise", a thirty-foot Pearson, for four years. Their boat is slipped at McKinley in H-24.

Both Tom and Jane love to travel and have done so all around the world. They've cruised Russia's Vogel River from St. Petersburg to Moscow. They've backpacked through the Greek Isles, taking ferries to various locations. Other memorable trips include Northern Africa and Costa del Sol, Spain. In 2007, Tom and Jane spent a month sailing the Inside Passage of Alaska in a forty-nine foot custom-built aluminum sailboat with the British woman who owned it. This adventurous lady is currently sailing around the world and contributed to an experience Tom and Jane will never forget. The couple also enjoys skiing, tennis, and playing a little golf. They also like traveling throughout the U.S. in their camping trailer.

Tom and Jane learned of MBC from dock mates Denis Molloy and Pat Moran who "talked up the club" during a kayak trip the four took on the Fox River. After meeting many club members at our annual "Champagne/Cold Duck" get-together, Tom and Jane decided to join our friendly group.

To this extremely interesting and fun-loving couple, we of the Milwaukee Boat Club extend a warm and heartyWelcome Aboard!

2010 Milwaukee Boat Club
ANNUAL PICNIC

September 11, 2010 hosted by Pete & Bonnie
Merryfield



Meet & Greet at 2:00 P.M.

Fun & Games include the annual “Pass the
Hat” contest
& Quarters dice games

Grills ready at 5:00pm

Supplied: Beer, Soda, Ice, Corn, Plates, Utensils, Napkins, Cups, and Condiments.

Bring: Your own meat to grill & buns, chairs, a hat for the contest,
Quarters for the dice game and a dish to pass as assigned:

A-G Salad (potato, 7-layer, fruit, tossed green, etc),
H-M Dessert (finger type or fancier)
N-Z Hors d’oeuvre (hot or cold)

No cost to club members. Guests are welcome for \$5 per person. If guests join our club, the \$5 will be applied to their membership dues.

RSVP to Senior Pilot Daryl Grubbs, so we have an accurate count for purchasing the beverages, corn and supplies. Also, if you need a map to Pete & Bonnie’s house, Daryl will send you one.

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